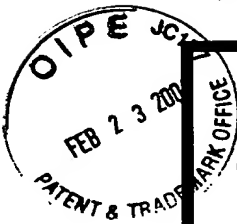


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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	Application Number	09/926,377
	Filing Date*	December 13, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Thomas GRASSL
	Group Art Unit	2813
	Examiner Name	David L. HOGANS
	Attorney Docket No.	GRAS3003/JEK/JJC
		Confirmation No. 9840

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: * Filing date must be on or after June 8, 1995; but if before May 29, 2000, then consider a CPA.

1. Please consider the following as the required submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- ☐ a. The Amendment/Reply filed on (date):
- ☐ b. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on (date):
- ☐ c. The arguments in the Brief/Reply Brief filed on (date):
- ☐ d. The ___ page(s) of Form PTO-1449 and copy of each listed document filed (date):
- ☒ e. **Other: The Amendment attached hereto.**

☒ **2. A One month Petition for Extension of Time is filed herewith.**

☒ **3. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.**

☒ **4. A check in the amount of \$880.00 which includes the \$110 Extension of Time fee is submitted herewith.**

☐ 5. This Request is transmitted by facsimile to number (703) _____.

☐ 6. Other:

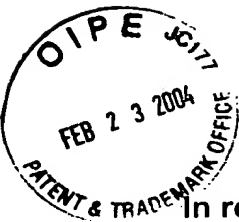
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action of October 21, 2003. This amendment is included as a submission accompanying a Request for Continued Examination which effectively removes the finality of the Office Action of October 21, 2003.

Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application in accordance with the following particulars.